GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INVOLVEMENT OF PUBLIC SECTOR IN WASTELAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has A proposal to involve private sector in the development of Wasteland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken in the direction in any State so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the guidelines issued by the Central Government in that regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.M. PATIL)

(a) At present, there is no specific proposal to involve private sector in the development of wastelands. However, a Task Force headed by Secretary (Rural Development) is looking into measures for promoting involvement of credit/financial institutions in mobilizing of additional funds for wastelands/watershed development.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.